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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ETRD, BR

SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY: LEADER HANDBAGS

REF: STATE 249433

1. FINANCIAL ATTACHE MET WITH FRANCISCO DORNELLES ON NOMVEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF STARTING EXPLORATORY TECHNICAL TALKS ON A US-BRAZILIAN BILATERAL TAX TREATY. DURING CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, DORNELLES ATTEMPTED TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE ABOUT SHOES AND OTHER LEATHER PROBLEMS. SINCE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT GOB HAD LEARNED FROM ITS EMBASSY WASHINGTON ABOUT THE HANDBAG COMPLAINT, FINANCIAL ATTACHE ASSUMED THAT REFERENCE TO LEATHER PROBLEMS WAS TO THIS NEW COMPLAINT. FINANCIAL ATTACHE WAS FORCED, HOWEVER, TO STONEWALL DORNELLES AS WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON TO CONVEY EXISTANCE OF THIS CASE TO GOB.

2. TODAY (NOV. 14) FINANCIAL ATTACHE TALKED TO DORNELLES AGAIN AND CONVEYED INFORMATION ON HANDBAG COMPLAINT, AS OUTLINED REFTEL. DORNELLES CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD LEARNED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDEPENDENTLY ABOUT IT. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING

INFORMED BY EMBASSY.

3. DORNELLES IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK (NOV. 18-22) FOR MEETING OF WORKING GROUP ON MULTINATIONALS. HE REQUESTED THAT WE RELAY TO PETER SCHMAN OF TREASURY HIS INTEREST IN MEETING WITH HIM DURING WEEK. DORNELLES SUGGESTED THAT, IF POSSIBLE, SUCHMAN CONTACT THOMPSON FLORES OF BRAZILIAN EMBASSY AND LEAVE WORD ON A CONVENIENT TIME FOR SUCH A MEETING. CRIMMINS

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